

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-36 remain pending in this application. No claims have been canceled or added.

35 U.S.C. §112

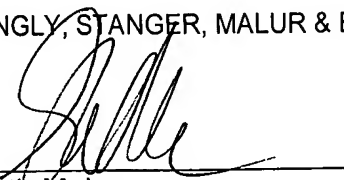
Claims 26-36 have been amended to overcome the outstanding rejections under this section, as well as under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 26-36 have been rewritten in proper form as method claims. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone with any questions.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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